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<PrintHouse> Bill No. House No. HB0546
By Lewis, Jr.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 1, relative to professional counselors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-102 is amended by deleting subdivision (5) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(5) License as professional counselors applicants who satisfy the requirements of §§63-22-104, 63-22-107 and 63-22-110; and examine and pass upon any additional qualifications of the applicants for the practice of professional counseling as herein provided;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated 63-22-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection thereto:

(d) The board may license without examination a licensed professional counselor applicant who is currently licensed in another state if the applicant's qualifications meet the licensure requirements under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision thereto:

(6) Has met any additional criteria of the board established by rule and regulation;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-150(4) is amended by deleting the language:

Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the treatment of any mental, emotional or adjustment disorder other than marital problems, parent-child problems, child and adolescent antisocial behavior, adult antisocial behavior, other specified family circumstances, other interpersonal problems, phase of life problems, other life circumstance problems, occupational problems, and uncomplicated bereavement.

and by substituting instead the language:

Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit the performance of any act which licensed professional counselors are not educated and trained to perform.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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